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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: END OF U.S. EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY

1. A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA AGUSUT 8 REPORTS ON THE REACTIONS OF GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES REGARDING U.S. CONGRESS'S DECISION TO LIFT AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY. JOURNALIST KOSO LETETA NOTES THAT AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, "PRESIDENT CARTER SUPPORTED THE EMBARGO IN ORDER TO SECURE THE VOTES OF TURKISH-AMERICANS, BUT NOW THE PRESIDENT WANTS THE EMBARGO LIFTED IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN NATO."

2. MR. KOSO NOTES THAT BECAUSE OF THE AMERICAN DECISION, THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY IN GREECE HAS CALLED ON HIS COUNTRY TO QUIT NATO. ARTICLE SAYS THE OPPOSITION PARTY IN TURKEY CONSIDERS AS UNACCEPTABLE THE PRE-CONDITION IMPOSED BY THE U.S. THAT TURKS DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS. "IN THE LATTER", SAYS MR. KOSO, "GREEK CYPRIOTS BELIEVE THAT THOUGHT THIS DECISION, WASHINGTON HAS LEGALIZED THE INVATION OF THE ISLAND BY TURKEY."

3. EDITORIAL NOTES SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE BECAUSE IT
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INVOLVES THE INTERESTS OF AMERICAN NATO ALLIES: GREECE AND TURKEY, AS WELL AS THE INTERESTS OF GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS BEING THE MOST AFFECTED BY THE DECISION. ITEM
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